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SUBJ: SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS IN GREENLAND

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

2. QUOTE. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOUR
TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF THE
FOLLOWING:

3. AS WILL BE KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY, THE U.S. AIR FORCE IN
1968 TOOK OVER OPERATION OF THE GEOPOLE STATION, THULE A/B.
IN THIS CONNECTION AN ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE ACCORDING TO
WHICH AT LEAST ONE OF THE SCIENTISTS WORKING AT THE STATION
MUST BE DANISH, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE DANISH AND AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC STATIONS.

4. DANISH SCIENTISTS ARE SELECTED BY THE DANISH INSTITUTE
OF METEOROLOGY AND HIRED ON CONTRACT WITH THE U.S. AIR
FORCE CIVIL SERVICE. SO FAR, FIVE DANISH SCIENTISTS HAVE
SERVED AT GEOPOLE STATION. AT PRESENT, K. HENNING JOHANSEN,
M.SC., WHO IN OCTOBER 1972 REPLACED ENGINEER JENS M.
ROESEN, HOLDS THE DANISH POST.

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WHEREAS MR. ROESEN RECEIVED AN ANNUAL SALARY OF US \$11,167, MR. JOHANSEN FOUND HIS SALARY CUT TO US\$9,053. NEITHER THE DANISH INSTITUTE OF METEOROLOGY NOR MR. JOHANSEN WERE - PRIOR TO HIS EMPLOYMENT - INFORMED BY THE US AUTHORITIES THAT HIS SALARY WOULD BE LOWER THAN THAT OF MR. ROESEN. THEREBY AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR MR. JOHANSEN'S SERVICE CONTRACT WAS NOT - IN THEIR OPINION - FULFILLED.

5. THE MINISTRY OF GREENLAND CONSIDERS IT AN IMPLIED CONDITION FOR RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO THE RECRUITMENT OF DANISH SCIENTISTS THAT SALARIES WOULD NOT BE REDUCED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION.

6. IN CONSEQUENCE, THE EMBASSY IS ASKED TO INFORM THE U.S. AUTHORITIES THAT IN THE VIEW OF THE MINISTRY OF GREENLAND THE CONTRACT OF K. HENNING JOHANSEN DOES NOT MEET WITH THE TERMS OF THE DANISH-AMERICAN COOPERATION AT GEOPOLE STATION JUST AS THE SALARY REDUCTION DOES NOT CONFORM TO GENERAL DANISH PRACTICE IN AREAS GOVERNED BY OFFICIAL WAGE-AGREEMENTS. THE U.S. AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE ADVISED, MOREOVER, THAT DANISH AUTHORITIES EXPECT MR. JOHANSEN TO BE PAID A SALARY EQUAL TO THAT OF HIS PREDECESSOR. END QUOTE.

7. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM U.S. CONTRACT AUTHORITY WITH WHICH TO REPLY.
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